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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Naoki MURASE, *et al.*

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For: COLORED BUILDING BOARDS,
MANUFACTURING METHODS THEREOF

Examiner: Leszek B. Kiliman

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patent
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2002. A response was due on September 18, 2002. The enclosed Petition for a One Month Extension of Time will extend the time the response is due from September 18, 2002 to October 18, 2002. Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 3 without prejudice or disclaimer.

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Please amend claims 1, 4, 6, 8-9, 11-12, and 16 as follows:

1. (Once Amended) A colored building board comprising:
a front layer having a first density, the front layer having main components including a wood material(s) and a self-curing inorganic material(s);

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